

August 17, 2015
Budget Workshop

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on the 17th day of August, A.D., 2015 there was held a Budget Workshop of the Honorable Commissioners' Court of Willacy County, Texas at the Reber Memorial Library, 190 North 4th Street, in the City of Raymondville, Texas for the purpose of transacting the following agenda:

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call / Establishment of Quorum.
3. Invocation/Pledge
4. Public Comment (s).
5. Budget Workshop.
6. Adjourn

THE COURT MET:
PRESENT:

Aurelio Guerra, Jr.,	County Judge,
Eliberto Guerra,	Commissioner, Precinct 1,
Oscar De Luna,	Commissioner, Precinct 2,
Alfredo Serrato,	Commissioner, Precinct 3,
Eduardo Gonzales,	Commissioner, Precinct 4,
Ida Martinez,	County Auditor,
Bernard Ammerman,	County Attorney,
Terry Flores,	County Clerk,

WHEREUPON, the Court was opened to the following proceedings were had to wit:

PERSONS VISITING THE COURT:

Gilbert Lozano
Veronica Caballero
Yesenia Rosas
Rosa Sanchez
Raymondville Chronicle
Migdalia Lopez

1. Call to Order – Chairman Aurelio Guerra, Jr.
2. Roll Call/Establishment of Quorum – All Present
3. Invocation – Commissioner Gonzales Pledge – Commissioner Serrato
4. Public Comment (s) – None

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Agenda # 5
IN REGARDS TO THE
BUDGET WORKSHOP

Commissioners discuss the 2015-2016, County Budget.

County Auditor:

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner Serrato to approve Auditor's Employees as before without the one position that is not filled. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De Luna, Serrato and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

District Court Reporter, District Court Administrator and Court Coordinator were discussed with Judge Migdalia Lopez.

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner De Luna to approve the District Court Budget, contingent to indigent defense and other legal matters. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De Luna, Serrato and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Librarian:

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner Serrato to approve the Library Budget, eliminating the \$27,203.00 position and moving Rosa Sanchez to the \$39,101.00 salary. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De Luna, Serrato and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

1:35 p.m.

Court recessed until 2:30 p.m.

Court Recessed

2:37 p.m.

Court Reconvened

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JP Offices:

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner Guerra for approval to reduce employees from six to two clerks. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De Luna, Serrato and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Election Administration:

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner De Luna to approve the 5% budget cut for the Election Department. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De Luna, Serrato and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

County Extension Office:

Motion was made by Commissioner De Luna, seconded by Commissioner Guerra to approve the County Extension Office budget with a 5% budget cut. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De Luna, Serrato and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Constable, Precinct No. 3 and 1 and Sheriff's Department and Jail

Discussion only

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner De Luna that Court recessed until August 18, 2015 at 9 a.m. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De Luna, Serrato and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

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Court Recessed

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WHEREUPON, the Court was opened to the following proceedings were had to wit:

PERSONS VISITING THE COURT:
Larry Spence

Commissioners continued discussing the 2015-2016 Budget.

Sheriff's Department: Talked to Sheriff about possible elimination of workforce and allowed Sheriff to return on August 20, 2015 at 8:15 a.m.

Tax Collector:

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner De Luna for approval to cut the Tax Collector's budget by 5% of the operating budget. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De Luna, Serrato and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Discussion continued

Motion was made by Commissioner De Luna, seconded by Commissioner Serrato that Court Adjourn. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De Luna, Serrato and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

There being no further action,

Court Adjourned.